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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 12 and 14-16 as follows:

12. (Amended) A method of updating outdated information stored in memory of a first peer computer with [more recent] updated information stored in memory of a second peer computer, wherein the first peer computer and the second peer computer are interconnected via a common communications link, the method comprising:

(a) comparing a module of outdated information stored in memory of the first peer computer to a module of [more recent] updated information stored in memory of the second peer computer, wherein the module of outdated information includes a plurality of module blocks at least one of which contains outdated information, and wherein the module of updated information includes a plurality of module blocks at least one of which contains updated information and corresponds to the at least one module block of outdated information;

(b) downloading via the [network] common communications link the at least one module block of updated information from the first peer computer to the second peer computer; and

(c) replacing the at least one module block containing outdated information with the at least one module block containing updated information which was downloaded via the common communications link.

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